

ENTERING NFIRS DATA FOR WILDLAND FIRES

Departments should enter their participation in these incident just as they do any other incident.

- Incidents that last for multiple days are still tracked as one incident. The alarm date and time should be the date/time that the incident started and the last Unit Cleared date/time should be the date/time that their last unit cleared the scene.
- On wildland fire incidents a Controlled Date/Time is going to be required. So if the department passes off the incident to another agency such as US Forest or BLM, then they don't want to enter a Controlled time as this could likely be AFTER their Last Unit Cleared time. If that is the case then the incident will be invalid.

Here is how department's should handle these long duration incidents.

- For incidents where the fire department maintains control of the incident from start to finish:
Complete a Basic Module with all of the appropriate times using the wildland fire incident type code.
Complete a Wildland Module
- Complete an Apparatus / Personnel module for each unit. (Departments can also create an apparatus module for units that respond to the scene more than once. For instance a unit is sent on the initial dispatch and operates at the scene for 5 hours. The unit is then returned to service. To cover their area. The next day the unit is needed on the scene of the still ongoing wildland fire, so the FD can create a new apparatus module for this additional response.)
- For incidents where the FD hands off control to another agency:
Complete a Basic Module with all of the appropriate times using the wildland fire incident type code. Only this time the FD should not include a Controlled Date/Time since they are no longer in control of the incident. Note in the narrative that control of the fire was handed off to another agency and note the specific date/time of the hand off.
- Complete a Fire Module
- Complete an Apparatus / Personnel module for each unit. (Departments can also create an apparatus module for units that respond to the scene more than once. For instance a unit is sent on the initial dispatch and operates at the scene for 5 hours. The unit is then returned to service. To cover their area. The next day the unit is needed on the scene of the still ongoing wildland fire, so the FD can create a new apparatus module for this additional response.)